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Rally.

▶ Tenzin Topten, 20, screams in protest during a rally staged by members of the local Tibetan community and supporters yesterday.

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Screaming for Tibet's freedom

Members of the local Tibetan community, joined by other Calgarian supporters, rallied outside the Chinese Consulate in downtown Calgary Thursday as the Dalai Lama announced he was giving up his political role in the Tibetan government. The protesters called on China to cede control over Tibet. Roughly 50 people took part in the demonstration.

Health care inquiry ordered

Review comes after Raj Sherman's allegations {page 2}

Generating wind energy

Local company to build nation's largest wind farm {page 4}

Motorists get refunds after glitch

To date, the CPA has received 1,135 emails and phone calls regarding the credit card charges ◐ Refunds have begun and will be complete around March 14

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Motorists are checking their credit card statements after learning the Calgary Parking Authority has been charging customers multiple times for single transactions.

The CPA is in the process of refunding as many as 23,000 customers who were charged up to six times when paying for parking.

Dale Fraser, general manager for the CPA, said they noticed a glitch with the software that processes credit card transactions on March 1; however, anyone who paid for parking after Feb. 25 may have been impacted.

Richard McKeel said he put $25 on his account this week and will definitely be checking his credit card statement to ensure he was only charged once.

"It's just a glitch in their system," he said. "They've been good up until this point." However, Park Plus user Marcia said she's now hesitant to use her credit card.

"Now I guess I would be a little bit scared to use it knowing that was happening," she said. "I'm going to have to double check that and make sure it didn't happen to me."

Fraser assures customers steps are being taken to prevent this from happening again. "Certainly our customers have put their trust and faith in providing them service. We will continue to respect that and work even harder in the future to earn that confidence back."

Money refunded

- **Calgary.** Parking Authority's Dale Fraser would not say exactly how much additional money the CPA collected through the software glitch.
- **Replicated.** He said the highest value that was replicated was $1,000 and it was processed four times.
- **Refund** "That customer immediately contacted us; we were quick to determine that did happen, and the $3,000 has already been refunded," said Fraser.

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Snowmobile event a go in B.C. despite deaths, says enthusiast

Jesse, a self-proclaimed "sled-head," or snowmobile enthusiast, says this weekend's plan is to head up to the Revelstoke, B.C., area for the Big Iron Shoot Out.

The unsanctioned competition became infamous after last year's event triggered an avalanche that killed two Albertans and injured many more.

While it is not being publicized as it has been in the past — there are no banners up in Revelstoke as there have been previously — some members of the snowmobiling community are planning to meet up at the same location, said Jesse, a former Calgary resident who preferred that her last name remain unpublished.

"If anything, it will be better this year because people will be more aware (of the dangers)," she said.

Cpl. Rob Wiebe of the Revelstoke RCMP has heard whispers that snowmobilers plan to return, and so the force is planning to monitor the area.

"It is part of our routine over the winter to make our presence known up there and it seems to makes people behave," said Wiebe.

According to the Canadian Avalanche Association, roughly 40 per cent of avalanche fatalities in the past 10 years were caused by snowmobiling accidents, more than any other backcountry activity.

CAROLINA NOVOTNY

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▶ Alberta Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky and Premier Ed Stelmach speak to the media at the legislature Thursday to announce an inquiry into allegations of substandard health care.

Tories order health inquiry

- Government grants immunity to those with information
- Decision comes after allegations by ousted MLA Raj Sherman

Alberta's health minister, bowing to pressure from doctors and political opponents, has ordered an independent review to resolve allegations of dangerously substandard care and needless deaths in the hospital system.

Gene Zwozdesky told the legislature Thursday that anyone who testifies before the Health Quality Council won't have to worry about retribution or punishment.

"They will have the full protection of the regulation and the law of this province and that guarantees their anonymity," he said.

Premier Ed Stelmach's government has been under fire in recent days to call in the Health Quality Council, which is an arm's-length panel of physicians and professionals who assess and critique the system.

The smoldering issue was reignited last week when Raj Sherman, an Independent politician booted from Stelmach's caucus last year for his health-care criticisms, made a fresh set of allegations.

Sherman, who is also an emergency room doctor, said that about six years ago, 250 patients died on a cancer surgery wait list.

Sherman alleged that health officials paid out, and doctors accepted, millions of dollars in bribes to keep the deaths quiet.

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Areas of concern

- The probe will examine Raj Sherman's cancer surgery allegations, but not the allegations of bribes or fraud.
- Alberta physicians have said that long waiting times, sometimes up to 20 hours, were leading to suffering and, in some cases, death.
- Last year, the government heard of 322 cases of substandard care in the emergency department at just one facility, the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton.

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Buildings to get a facelift

Several historic buildings in the 100 block of 7th Avenue S.W. were the topic of conversation at a public open house held Thursday at Art Central.

A proposed project that was unveiled would see a parkade built above and behind the historic buildings, which sit on land deemed too valuable to justify their existence by themselves.

A renovation with priority to arts groups for the space has been proposed along with the construction of the parkade.

An office tower would then be built on top of the parkade sometime in the future.

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Homeless summit held

Hundreds gathered Thursday for a one-day summit to discuss the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

The event, held at the BMO Centre, also recognized front-line workers and volunteers. Representatives from non-profit agencies, faith communities, businesses, donors and government officials were all in attendance. METRO

Ambulance collides with van

The driver of a van is in hospital with serious, non-life-threatening injuries after colliding head-on with an ambulance travelling in the wrong direction on an off-ramp Wednesday night.

The paramedics were responding to reports of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle while trying to cross Deerfoot Trail at 64th Avenue. METRO

Group to build largest wind farm in Canada

- Provincial approval paves the way for southern Alberta development
- Project capable of generating 300 megawatts

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Calgary will reap the rewards of Canada's largest wind farm being built by a local company, says its CEO.

Greengate Power Corp. announced Thursday it has received provincial approval to go ahead with its Blackspring Ridge 1 project in Vulcan County, approximately 165 kilometres southeast of Calgary.

The wind farm is expected to be in-service in 2013 and capable of generating a nation-leading 300 megawatts.

"It will provide a substantial emissions-free source of power for the province," said Greengate CEO Dan Balaban. "This is something that has a very large-scale and intangible impact economically and environmentally."

Calgary alderman Brian Pincott, a longtime proponent of green initiatives, said Greengate's achievement is helping the city set itself up as Canada's green energy capital.

The project

- The Blackspring Ridge 1 project has been in the works for three years, said Greengate CEO Dan Balaban.
- He estimated the wind farm is capable of generating power for 100,000 Alberta homes and businesses.
- Up to 200 construction jobs will be created during construction of the wind farm.

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▶ This is a visual simulation of what the Blackspring Ridge Project 1 will look like upon completion.

"I think this bodes really well, because you bring green generation close to where the load is," he said. "You have got built-in sustainability there."

Balaban added that he believes creating provincial policy encouraging the growth of renewable energy would allow Alberta to reach its full potential.

"I believe we would see an absolute explosion of growth in this industry," he said.

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How Ginger turned her life around

On March 30, Ginger MacQueen will celebrate the one-year anniversary of her liberation from MS.

Having travelled to Poland in March, 2010, MacQueen was among the first Canadians to travel abroad for the controversial liberation treatment.

She had no guarantees of relief from her MS symptoms, and, moreover, she had doubts about the long-term effects.

But now MacQueen is ecstatic as she describes her improvements.

"In 10 years I hadn't run. I couldn't jump. Now, I can jump and I am still showing improvements," said MacQueen.

While MacQueen's is a success story, Darrel Gregory of the MS Society is more cautious.

"The problem with angioplasty in terms of CCSVI and MS is that no one knows if CCSVI and MS are connected," said Gregory. "At this point it is still just a theory."

Unfortunately, concrete evidence one way or the other is still years away.

Though the Alberta government has announced funding for clinical trials, these will only go ahead after results of a three-year observational study are complete.

CAROLINA NOVOTNY

Canada's toll

- Canadians have one of the highest rates of multiple sclerosis in the world, according to the MS Society of Canada.
- MS is most commonly diagnosed in people aged 15 to 40, the society says.

▶ Ginger MacQueen was considering assisted suicide because of her deteriorating MS — but then she turned her life around with the C

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CSVI treatment.

It's not always liberation

Some docs shun patients who have gone abroad for controversial MS treatment ◗ Alberta issues pointers on sufferers' aftercare

CAROLINA NOVOTNY
FOR METRO CALGARY

When Calgarian Melissa Lawson-Larsen lost all feeling in her face from the nose down, she thought she was having a stroke.

So she headed to the emergency room.

Once inside, Larsen disclosed that, like a growing number of Canadians suffering from multiple sclerosis, she had travelled abroad a few months earlier for a procedure known as the liberation treatment — angioplasty preformed on the veins of the neck that, though still unproven, seems to have eased the MS symptoms of some patients.

"I have had an MRI every six months for the last nine years and I am no longer eligible for any more MRIs."
MELISSA LAWSON-LARSEN DESCRIBING HER DIFFICULTIES FINDING A DOCTOR TO MONITOR HER MS

Larsen was concerned the numbness was a sign of blood clots — a common side-effect of the procedure. But she was disappointed by the lack of aftercare provided.

Darrel Gregory of the MS Society of Canada said his organization has had similar complaints.

"Some people have gone to their doctor after (treatment abroad) and have been told the doctor doesn't believe in it and so they don't get the aftercare they deserve," said Gregory.

But according to spokesperson Howard May, Alberta Health and Wellness does "require doctors provide medically necessary treatment for anyone who comes into their office."

However, many questions have arisen about what aftercare patients like Larsen should receive.

So much so, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta issued a statement last week providing information on how such MS patients should be managed.

While the document is the first of its kind to be issued in Canada, Gregory is not convinced it will have a big impact.

Zamboni's theories spark worldwide discussion — and hope

In June 2008, a study by Dr. Paolo Zamboni suggested a link between MS and chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI), challenging the long-standing theory that MS is an auto-immune disease.

The research by Zamboni, an Italian doctor and surgeon, suggested MS symptoms could be alleviated by treating CCSVI — a condition in which the veins of the neck and chest were narrowed or blocked — with routine angioplasty.

While still unproven and unavailable in Canada, many Canadians have travelled overseas for what has become known as the liberation treatment.

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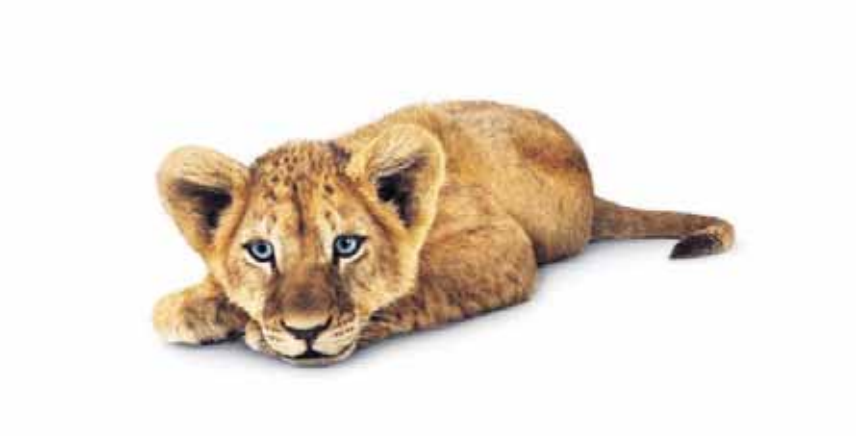

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Commons Speaker slaps down government over violations But Harper says: Focus on the economy

The Harper government is dismissing a pair of stinging parliamentary violations as a "distraction" and a "game."

Commons Speaker Peter Milliken has ruled that the government and International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda are in breach of parliamentary privilege.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday that opposition politicians should be focused on the economy rather than this week's rulings.

Government House leader John Baird went further, accusing the Liberals of being caught up in a "distraction" rather than what Canadians really care about.

The Milliken file

Peter Milliken ruled on two subjects in the headlines.

- **One:** He found the government breached the rights of parliamentarians by failing to produce all documents on the cost of crime legislation and corporate tax cuts.
- **Two:** He found that Bev Oda breached parliamentary privilege by providing inconsistent testimony about the alteration of a document.

That prompted an indignant Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to express shock that the Conservatives consider democracy to be a distraction.

The Liberals, NDP and Bloc Québécois are speaking out against what they say is an abuse of power and lack of respect by the Conservatives for democratic institutions.

The battle could be the core theme of the next federal election.

Meanwhile, a Commons committee meets for three days next week to consider what to do about the Speaker's ruling.

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▶ Chechnya's new look: A sales clerk adjusts the headscarf Thursday on a mannequin in a shop in Grozny's central market.

Clothing rules leave Chechens in fear

Chechnya's strongman Ramzan Kadyrov has imposed an Islamic dress code on women.

His feared security forces have used paintball attacks — since ended — threats and insults against those refusing to obey.

One paintball victim, Louiza, said she and a friend — wearing skirts a little below the knee — were attacked on Putin Avenue in Grozny.

"I don't dare leave home without a headscarf."
LOUIZA, RECALLING A PAINTBALL ATTACK

"I felt something hitting me in the chest …

"The sting was awful, as if my breasts were being pierced with a red-hot needle."

Human Rights Watch condemns the campaign as a flagrant violation of women's rights.

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Dozens reportedly killed in China quake

An earthquake toppled more than 1,000 houses and apartment buildings in China's southwest near the border with Myanmar on Thursday, killing at least 24 people and injuring more than 200, officials and state media said.

Photos from the scene showed buildings that buckled, crushing their lower floors. Police, firefighters and soldiers rushed to the area to pull out people trapped in the rubble, including a man and girl stuck in the stairwell of a four-story building, according to state broadcaster China Central Television.

Parts of a supermarket and a hotel caved in, while sidewalks were lined with injured on blankets, being shielded from the sun by large vendor umbrellas.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that 24 people had been killed, including four students, citing the Yingjiang county government in Yunnan province. Another 207 people were injured, 33 of them in critical condition.

The website of the Chinese government earthquake monitoring station said the magnitude-5.8 quake was centred in Yingjiang and struck just before 1 p.m. (0500 GMT) at a depth of six miles (10 kilometres). The U.S. Geological Survey measured the quake at a magnitude of 5.4 and at a deeper 21 miles (35 kilometres).

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▶ A woman mourns after an earthquake jolted Yingjiang county in China's Yunnan Province on Thursday.

Some 1,200 houses or apartments were crushed by the quake, said Zhao Yunshan, director of Yingjiang government press office. More than 127,000 people have been evacuated to shelters, Xinhua reported, citing the Civil Affairs Ministry.

According to the USGS, more than 1 million people may have been exposed to the shaking.

More than 1,000 soldiers have been sent to aid in rescue efforts. The quake hit while many people were home for a customary midday rest, CCTV reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Disaster scene

- **Tremors continued to be** felt in the area throughout the afternoon and evening, according to CCTV reporter Shu Qian, who was at the disaster scene in Yingjiang County.
- **A government team** that includes the Civil Affairs Ministry has been dispatched to the quake-stricken area, CCTV said.
- **About 5,000 tents** 10,000 quilts and 10,000 coats are also being sent from the central government.

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NHL injuries worry PM

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he is concerned about the growing number of serious injuries in the NHL.

An avid hockey fan, Harper says the league needs to take a serious look at the issue.

"I just say this as a hockey fan, I'm very concerned about the growing number of very serious injuries, and in some cases to some of the premier players in the game," Harper said at an event in Toronto on Thursday.

Other than to send his thoughts to the injured Max Pacioretty, Harper declined to comment on the hit, saying it's not the government's job to get involved.

Where Harper does feel the government needs to take action is with safety in kids' sports. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No spring forward for Sask.

Time is going to stand still in Saskatchewan — or at least the clocks won't be changing.

The government said Thursday that it will not hold a promised referendum on daylight time in conjunction with a provincial election in November.

Most of Canada will "spring ahead" from standard time to daylight time in the wee hours Sunday morning. Saskatchewan is the only province that stays on central standard time all year.

Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs Minister Darryl Hickie said a recent poll shows that two-thirds of just over 1,000 people surveyed oppose making the switch.

"When you see numbers like this, 2-to-1 ... I think we have a pretty strong message," said Hickie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bettman wary of over-legislating hits

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▶ NHL commissioner Gary Bettman.

Sponsor Air Canada wants action on violence after brutal headshot

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says there's no need to "over-legislate" head hits.

Speaking after a U.S. congressional panel discussion Thursday on encouraging American kids to get into hockey, Bettman pointed to a trend.

"The rise in concussions in the preliminary data from this season seem to be coming from accident events, collisions, players falling and banging into other things, not from head hits," he told reporters.

The issue has been front and centre this season, especially this week in the wake of Max Pacioretty being hospitalized with a severe concussion and fractured vertebra. The Montreal forward was slammed into a stanchion holding the glass at the Bell Centre on a hit by Bruins captain Zdeno Chara.

"It was a horrific injury ... but I don't think whether or not supplemental discipline was imposed would change what happened."
GARY BETTMAN, NHL COMMISSIONER

The NHL subsequently elected not to suspend Chara. The issue of head hits is expected to be raised again at a meeting of NHL general managers.

As for Air Canada threatening to pull its sponsorship over such injuries, Bettman says the league can find other carriers if the airline doesn't want its business. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Violence intensifies for rebels

Loyalists pound opposition with rockets, shelling
Civilians and mutinous army units forced to retreat

With fierce barrages of tank and artillery fire, Moammar Gadhafi's loyalists threw rebels into a frantic retreat from a strategic oil port Thursday, using overwhelming force in a counteroffensive that reversed the opposition's advance toward the capital Tripoli and now threatens its positions in the east.

Hundreds of rebels in cars and trucks mounted with machine-guns sped eastward on the Mediterranean coastal road as rockets and shells pounded a hospital, mosque and other buildings in the oil complex. Doctors and staff at the hospital were hastily evacuated east along with wounded from fighting from the past week.

▶ Seif al-Islam Gadhafi

In Tripoli, Gadhafi's son Seif al-Islam vowed to retake the eastern half of the country, which has been in the opposition's hands since early on in the three-week-old uprising.

"I have two words to our brothers and sisters in the east: We're coming."
SEIF AL-ISLAM GADHAFI TO SUPPORTERS IN TRIPOLI, DEPICTING LIBYANS IN THE EAST AS BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY TERRORISTS

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▶ A Libyan protester holds a placard in Benghazi, eastern Libya.

CANADA SAYS LIBYA ACTIONS WORKING

Canada is defending the effectiveness of sanctions against Libya, despite their apparent failure after Moammar Gadhafi's troops managed to drive rebel forces out of a key oil port.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said Thursday that he thinks sanctions against Libya are working, but more are needed.

He said all options for Libya remain on the table as he and fellow G8 foreign ministers prepare to meet in France early next week for talks on the crisis.

Cannon rejected a suggestion that sanctions are failing because Gadhafi is still holding power and reclaiming rebel-held territory.

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Counterattack

The west showed no concrete sign of moving toward military assistance that the Libyan opposition has been pleading for.

- **The rebels' capture** of Ras Lanouf a week ago had been a major victory. A day after seizing it, their forces charged farther ahead, reaching the outskirts of Sirte, Gadhafi's hometown and the bastion of his regime in the centre of the country.
- **Rebels were met by** a heavy counterattack that over the past week steadily pushed them back toward Ras Lanouf.
- **Taking back Ras Lanouf** would be a major victory for Gadhafi, pushing his zone of control farther along the coast.
- **His regime has also** claimed a victory in the west, saying Wednesday it recaptured Zawiya, the closest rebel-held city to the capital, after a six-day siege.

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Cop under scrutiny in Assange case

Julian Assange's Swedish lawyer says a newspaper report casts doubt on whether the sex abuse investigation against the WikiLeaks founder was carried out in an impartial manner.

Swedish tabloid Expressen reported Thursday that a police officer involved in the initial phase of the probe had personal and political links to one of the two women accusing Assange of sexual misconduct.

Expressen also said the officer, Irmeli Krans, described Assange as a "bubble ready to burst" on her personal Facebook page.

If true, Assange's lawyer says, a trial could be unfair.

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Background

After releasing thousands of secret U.S. diplomatic cables, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was charged with sexual assault by two women in Sweden.

After his arrest in Britain, Assange was released on bail. Court later ruled he be extradited to stand trial in Sweden.

Afghanistan: Best friends die same day

Dozens stood silently — some with dogs at their feet — as soldier's friends and family laid roses atop black hearse carrying his coffin

Liam and Theo were a team, fast friends performing a dangerous job — searching out roadside bombs laid by insurgents in Afghanistan.

The jovial British soldier and his irrepressible dog worked and played together for months, and died on the same day.

On Thursday, they came home together, flown back to Britain in a sombre repatriation ceremony for the soldier remembered for his empathy with animals and the companion he loved.

Lance Cpl. Liam Tasker, a dog handler with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, was killed in a firefight with insurgents in Helmand Province March 1 as he searched for explosives with Theo, a 22-month-old bomb-sniffing springer spaniel mix. The dog suffered a fatal seizure hours later at a British army base.

Military officials won't go so far as to say Theo died of a broken heart — but that may not be far from the truth.

"I think we often underestimate the grieving process in dogs," said Elaine Pendlebury, a senior veterinarian with animal charity PDSA. "Some dogs react very severely to their partner's loss.

"The bonding that I have seen between soldiers or police and their dogs is fantastic. When you see them working together, it's really one unit."

A military Hercules plane carrying Tasker's body and Theo's ashes touched down Thursday at a Royal Air Force base in southwest England.

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In this image made available in London by the Ministry of Defence, Lance Cpl. Liam Tasker sits with his military working dog, Theo, in Afghanistan.

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▶ Former integrity commissioner Christiane Ouimet appears at a public accounts committee on Thursday to discuss the report of the auditor general that led to her resignation last October.

Former integrity boss pleads her case

Severance package signed last October worth more than $500K

Disgraced integrity commissioner Christiane Ouimet says the auditor general's report that led to her surprise resignation was neither fair nor accurate.

Testifying under oath, with her lawyer by her side, Ouimet told a House of Commons committee that auditor general Sheila Fraser's December report was flawed.

"I'm here to point out that there are serious flaws and erroneous facts that have attacked my reputation," she said Thursday in her first public statement since the controversy over her departure erupted.

The report said Ouimet bullied staff and failed to to protect public service whistleblowers.

Ouimet resigned with a lucrative severance package two months before the report was released.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday the half-million dollar payout was the cheapest and fastest way to get rid of her. He said the government couldn't just fire her.

"I lost seven years' income, seven years' pension. I lost my reputation. I lost my health."
CHRISTIANE OUIMET, ON HER SEVERANCE PACKAGE, WHICH SHE DENIES WAS OVERLY GENEROUS

Some of her former staff who quit because of conditions have complained that Ouimet got a golden parachute while they gave up benefits.

Ouimet said she received death threats and her health suffered due to Fraser's extensive two-year investigation of her office.

When the government presented her with a "non-negotiable" offer to quit with an allowance, she reluctantly accepted it. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Prostitution 'economic' choice: Feds

Prostitution is a high-risk "economic activity" that the law doesn't force people into, and the best protection of sex-trade workers is not Parliament's obligation, the federal government argues.

Ottawa has indicated its positions in an appeal of a ruling striking down three prostitution laws. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Trade dangers

▶ **An Ontario Superior** Court judge ruled last year that laws against keeping a common bawdy house, communicating for the purposes of prostitution and living on the avails of the trade were contributing to industry's dangers.

Aussie surfer free of charges

An indecency charge has been dropped against a world-class Australian surfer who was accused of exposing himself following a competition in Tofino, B.C.

Mitch Coleborn was in the Vancouver Island town last October for the O'Neill Cold Water Classic when police picked him up after receiving several complaints.

Coleborn was to have appeared in court this week, but Tofino RCMP Sgt. Jeff Preston says the case won't be proceeding against the 24-year-old.

The officer couldn't say why charges were dropped, adding that the Crown decided not to pursue the allegations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Transat shares tumble in 'difficult' time for industry

Shares of Transat A.T. Inc. plummeted almost 30 per cent on Thursday after the company missed analyst expectations on first-quarter earnings.

The Montreal-based tour operator reported that it narrowed its quarterly net loss to $13.5 million or 36 cents per share, but faced tougher competition and reduced prices by rivals. The results compared with a loss of $13.9 million or 37 cents per share in the first quarter a year ago. Transat's after-tax loss per diluted share was 51 cents, a far deeper per-share loss than the 33 cents analysts expected.

"It was a difficult quarter, mainly because of ongoing intense competition in the sun-destinations market, which consumers are taking advantage of," said chief executive Jean-Marc Eustache. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bauer gearing up for the long haul: CEO

▶ CEO Kevin Davis marks Bauer Performance Sports' first day as a publicly traded company at the Toronto Stock Exchange on Thursday.

Legendary hockey outfitter says new products key to expansion

Bauer Performance Sports says its sales will grow as it invests in research and development for new gear to protect hockey players, amid hot debate over concussions in the NHL.

Kevin Davis, Bauer's CEO, spoke in Toronto on Thursday as Bauer began life as a publicly traded company.

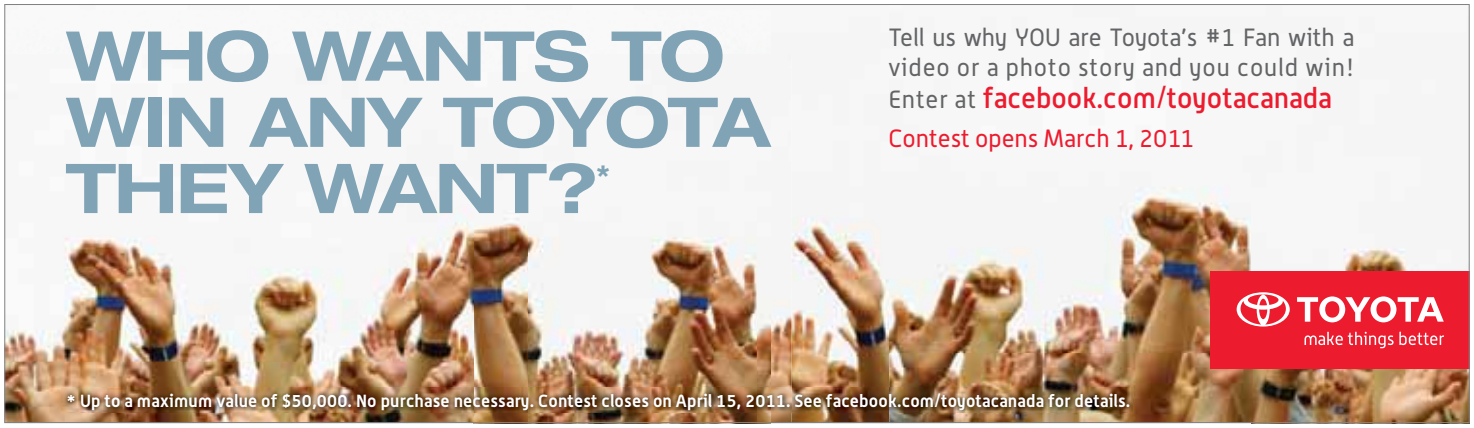
Trading got off to a bumpy start, with newly listed shares falling five cents below their issue price of $7.50 as markets in North America declined.

Still, Bauer is the biggest player by far in the hockey-equipment market, and Davis says the company will spend money on creating new products to expand its sales rather than focus on selling more of its existing gear.

One example is neck protectors, a required piece of gear for most youth hockey players, Davis says.

"The current solution was really big and bulky and hot and kids didn't like to wear it. So we integrated it with our base layer shirt and it's a new product for us," Davis says.

He says Bauer is making changes to its helmets, but wouldn't reveal new features. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Apple hits 'em where it hurts

The new iPad hitting U.S. stores on Friday (and slated for Canadian release on March 25) comes with several improvements over the original but the same price tag, hobbling efforts by rivals at breaking Apple Inc.'s hold on the emerging market for tablet computers.

Competitors can't seem to match the iPad's starting price of $499 US. Comparable tablets cost hundreds of dollars more, while cheaper tablets tend to be inferior in quality.

Usually, the early products in consumer electronics, such as the first Blu-ray players or digital cameras, are expensive. Competition then gradually brings prices down. With the iPad, the reverse is happening, spelling trouble for competitors.

It's rare for prices to start low and stay low, yet it looks as if that's exactly what Apple intended. Apple appears to have chosen, right from the start, to make less of a profit from its iPads than it does from iPods and iPhones. That's an odd move for a company that isn't known for cheap products.

Apple's profit margin on the entry-level iPad model is about 25 per cent, according to an estimate by Toni Sacconaghi at Bernstein Research in New York.

By contrast, the company's profit margin for all products, before corporate overhead, was 38.5 per cent in the most recent quarter. Sacconaghi and other analysts estimate the margin for the iPhone 4 is 50 per cent to 60 per cent. (Apple charges about $600 US for it, though it's cheaper in stores because wireless carriers subsidize it.)

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▶ About 100 models of tablet computer have gone on sale or are on the way, but so far none has matched the iPad and iPad 2, above, for quality, features and price.

Apple is telling investors to expect overall margins to keep declining, meaning competitors can't expect much of a reprieve.

Analysts say Apple has a couple of advantages that let it sell an iPad profitably at a price that would put another manufacturer at break-even, or at a loss.

Apple sells about one-third of iPads in its own stores and from its website. By cutting out the middleman, Apple is able to keep more of the slim profit margin for itself.

Also, the iPad uses many of the same chips as the iPhone and iPod. That means Apple is able to buy them in huge quantities, bringing down costs.

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Employers failing young workers: CAW

Many of the country's youngest workers face unsafe job conditions, the head of Canada's largest private-sector union says.

Ken Lewenza, president of the Canadian Auto Workers, says young workers are often unaware of their rights, including the right to refuse unsafe work.

His warning comes after retail grocer Metro Ontario was fined $350,000 this week for a safety violation that caused the death of a 17-year-old worker. The young worker, who was a CAW member, had been on the job for only a few weeks.

The Ministry of Labour says the accident occurred in August 2009 at a Metro store in Mississauga, just east of Toronto. The teen was told to remove a box from on top of a drop ceiling but when the worker stepped onto the ceiling, he fell through and suffered a fatal head injury.

"Employers are failing in their responsibility to ensure young workers are safe on the job through comprehensive health and safety training," Lewenza said Thursday.

"The retail sector is a major employer in this country, but we've seen conditions gradually erode, where there is much higher staff turnover due to erratic shift scheduling, limited health and safety considerations and poor wages and benefits."

Ontario government statistics show that more than 10,000 workers under the age of 25 are injured on the job each year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Sue Luciuk

5 MINUTES WITH: SUE LUCIUK

Sue Luciuk is the interim CEO of Volunteer Calgary — a group that links organizations and volunteers together. Luciuk has been with Volunteer Calgary for three years.

Tell me a little bit about Volunteer Calgary and how it works.
Volunteer Calgary has actually been involved in the development of volunteerism in Calgary for 55 years and, basically, what we do through our services and programs is we enhance the ability of more than 400 member non-profit organizations to manage volunteers and we link thousands of Calgarians with unique opportunities through our searchable database on our website.

Why do you think Volunteer Calgary is a vital organization for Calgary to have?
I think there are a large number of not-for-profit organizations in the city and they're of all varying sizes and capabilities, so for them to reach out is much more difficult. Basically, one of our mottos, I guess, is "the value of one, the power of many," so that we can advocate on behalf of all of those non-profit organizations and give them a conduit to reach out to volunteers. Quite honestly, the not-for-profit organizations could not do the good work they do in the community without the volunteers.

If someone wants to connect with an organization and become a volunteer, what's the best way to do that?
We would suggest going to our website is a good place to start. We're actually in the middle of improving our website, so in the next week or two it will have a new look and it will be much more user-friendly. Someone who's interested in volunteering can go on our site and set up a profile … and get notifications of when opportunities come up that match their searches.… If they have an idea of a specific cause they'd like to be involved in, they can put that cause in our search and it will bring up all of the different opportunities that would meet that criteria, and it will have the contact information for the different opportunities.

Why is it important that Calgarians give back and become a volunteer?
Our vision and what we're working towards is, we call it, is people with passion and purpose leading the way to a vibrant community. We think it's very important to have the quality of life we have here in Calgary.… That's all part of people being involved and improving the community from within. KATIE TURNER

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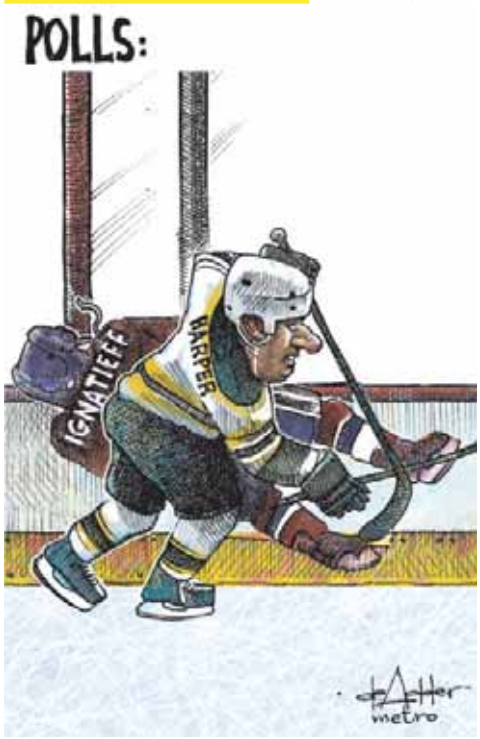

Living life to its fullest

Worth mentioning

The pattern of aging in humans is not too different from most other primates, such as chimpanzees, monkeys and baboons, new research shows.

A team led by Anne Bronikowski of Iowa State University studied data on primate aging collected over decades around the world and compared it with statistics on modern Americans. Some experts have thought that because people have relatively long lifespans, humans aged differently from other mammals.

The research team believed that any major difference between humans and primates was most likely to show up with modern people, rather than a hunter-gatherer culture, Bronikowski said.

"And the fact that we don't find a difference there is more compelling."

The basic pattern they found is a relatively high risk of dying in infancy, a low risk of death during the juvenile years and then an increased risk of dying as aging progressed. Also, they found that in most cases males don't live as long as females.

"Human patterns are not strikingly different, even though wild primates experience sources of mortality from which humans may be protected," the authors wrote in a study published online Thursday in the journal Science.

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Metro Minute with atheism, sexuality

An atheist's perspective on sexuality is on the agenda at the University of Calgary this weekend.

Greta Christina, one of the world's most widely read atheist bloggers, will stop by the Earth Sciences building for a public discussion Saturday.

While traditional religion tends to rely on ethical principles about what kind of sex people should and should not have, atheists like Christina are not guided by those standards and must instead forge their own beliefs on sexuality. The discussion is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 or $5 for students and can be purchased in advance at eventbrite.com.

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Three days to play

DO YOU THINK THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE SHOULD INVOKE A BAN ON HEADSHOTS?

Colin Barett
CALGARY
I don't think they should (ban headshots in the NHL). The players are bigger and stronger than what they seem to be, and most headshots are not fatal.

Brittany Schafer
CALGARY
Yes, they should (ban headshots) because players are fighting to go for their team. And the NHL is about entertainment, and I think they shouldn't allow dirty players.

▶ Mars Needs Moms has some great animation that sometimes makes its human characters look almost "too real." Mars Needs Moms opens today.

Reel Guys

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A fun trip to Mars

Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Mars Needs Moms
Action-adventure story lifts animated film, but not quite to WALL-E's level

Richard Crouse: Mark, I think WALL-E is the pinnacle of science fiction for kids and after seeing Mars Needs Moms ... I still feel that way. It's not really sci-fi anyway, it's more action-adventure in zero gravity, and a pretty good one. But despite some good animation it didn't feel memorable to me. What did you think?

Mark Breslin: Well, Richard, I dreaded seeing it. To fully appreciate this picture, you have to be an eight-year-old boy, and my inner child ran away from home a long time ago. But I was pleasantly surprised — and a bit angry. The poster and title indicate that the movie is a comedy for little kids. But it's not. Parents of very young children should be aware that it is an action-adventure, as you say, with themes about kidnapping and abandonment, and some scary chase scenes.

Plot synopsis

▶ The Earth-bound portion of the story is set in Anywhere, USA. Little Milo (Seth Green) doesn't like taking out the garbage. When his mom gives him a firm, but effective talking to, she unwittingly becomes a Martian overlord's first choice as the model mom for the nanny bots that raise that planet's young'uns. When she is abducted, Milo hitches a ride, determined to rescue his mom from the alien invaders.

▶ **Ratings:**
Richard: ⊕⊕⊕
Mark: ⊕⊕½

RC: I too dreaded having to sit through this, a feeling that didn't go away until the story really kicked in around the half-hour mark. The Earth-bound portion of the movie bored me silly but once the movie hits Mars it perks up. The female Martians look like ET's younger sisters and the animation is terrific. I think it will appeal to eight- or nine-year-olds, but as you say anyone younger than that might find it a bit intense.

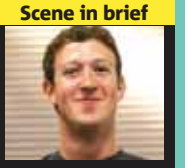
MB: I got into it as well. But I must say the animation unnerved me. It's getting to the point where the human characters looked creepily all too real, especially in longshot. On the other hand, it's nice to see John Candy working again. Richard?

RC: I can only half agree with you on the animation. I thought the backgrounds on Mars were spectacular, kind of 2001 by way of Triumph of the Will and Brazil, but, for me, the character animation fluctuated. Milo's mom had a not-quite-human feel about her, but Milo and his friend Gribble look amazing. And you're right about John Candy. I couldn't help but think that Dan Fogler's Gribble is the part Candy would have played if this film was made in 1990.

MB: Animated movies often entertain children and their parents in different ways and on different levels, but in this movie the pop culture references of the Pixar films or of Shrek are nonexistent. But I must admit I did laugh when Gribble's mechanical dog threw up nuts and bolts.

2 scene

Scene in brief



Movie rentals are coming to Facebook in the U.S. Warner Bros. says it is testing a service that will offer select movies for purchase or rental through the public pages of these movies on the world's largest online social network. Starting Tuesday, Facebook users who visit the official page of Batman: The Dark Knight can click a "watch" icon and pay 30 Facebook credits, or $3, to watch the movie.
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Pegg, Frost hit the finish line

British comedy pair play comic book nerds on the search for aliens in Paul ◗ First Hollywood movie for stars of cult hits Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz ◗ After years of trying, duo finally are able to complete a story

PHIL BROWN
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It's time for Shaun Of The Dead and Hot Fuzz fans as well as all open and closeted nerds to rejoice. Simon Pegg and Nick Frost return next week with Paul.

The longtime friends and collaborators co-wrote and star in a new film about a pair of British comic book geeks who embark on a USA/UFO road trip from Comic-Con and end up befriending an alien. Despite having co-starred several times in film and television before, the movie marks the first time the pair have written together.

"Funnily enough, since we met about 17, 18 years ago we always wrote little things together that never came to fruition," Pegg told Metro. "Paul was our chance to finally do something and finish it. It became a point of honour to get it done. There were days where we were literally apoplectic with laughter lying on the floor crying our eyes out over stuff that didn't even end up in the script."

The film also represents the first time the pair worked within the Hollywood studio system and though they admit that means they had to slightly curb their sensibilities to play to a broader audience, they were able to still maintain their distinct comedic voice.

"I always use the phrase, you mutate to survive," said Pegg with Frost jokingly adding, "I think that we've managed to hopefully write a love letter to Steven Spielberg and the fan boys on one hand and on the other hand make something which is slightly more accessible for everyone to watch, even women."

▶ Simon Pegg, left, Kristen Wiig and Nick Frost star in Paul, which opens next Friday.

Though Paul should appeal to a wider crowd, Pegg and Frost know that their core fanbase shares their pop culture obsessions and certainly know how to appease them. In fact, when they debuted footage from Paul at last year's Comic-Con there was actually a stabbing in the audience.

"They were fighting over seats at our panel," explained Pegg. "That was simultaneously horrifying and flattering."

Movie review See it twice ●●●●● | See it now ●●●● | Worth watching ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

Solid effects, action help boost Battle

Battle: Los Angeles
Genre: Action
Director: Jonathan Liebesman
Stars: Aaron Eckhart, Ramon Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez
●●½

Battle: Los Angeles's producers are waging their bets that audiences will get a sadistic joy out of watching Hollywood burn.

After all, in this thriller, not only do heavily armed extraterrestrials conquer Earth, but the last fortress to withstand demolition is seemingly the California coastline — thanks mostly to a platoon of marines led by a serious but disgraced sergeant (Aaron Eckhart) seeking redemption.

As for plot, that's pretty much it. The thin premise (they're after our water, apparently), dodgy dialogue and flat supporting characters don't benefit this gung-ho war movie. In fact, it's a bit too Pearl Harbor with Martians in tone. However, the action truly does get a boost from sensational special effects spun around a few genuine moments of high tension shots from the soldiers' perspective, which makes this battle nothing if not worth its kitsch value for sci-fi fans or people who simply hate L.A. ● STEVE GOW

Red Riding Hood
Genre: Thriller
Director: Catherine Hardwicke
Stars: Amanda Seyfried, Lukas Haas, Gary Oldman
●●

On paper turning Red Riding Hood into a glossy gothic horror movie isn't a bad idea. In fact, if you watched large portions of Twilight director Catherine Hardwicke's failed franchise starter with the sound off, it would still seem like a good idea. Unfortunately beyond the impressive images created by the production-designer-turned-director, the filmmakers didn't seem to know what to do with the concept. There's no point in a detailed plot description, because it doesn't make much sense.

It involves a medieval town haunted by a big bad wolf, a disturbed monster hunter hired to slay the beast, and a pretty girl in a red hood with two generic love interests. Much of the film dwells on uncovering the identity of the wolf and the convoluted mystery plot is filled with so many red herrings that it's impossible to care when the reveal finally arrives. The love triangle is equally uninspired and was clearly emphasized in an attempt to make the movie feel like Twilight. Unfortunately, it's unlikely that even the not-so demanding Twi-hard community will fall for that.

Not even Gary Oldman's presence as snarling witch hunter is effective and that should have been a given. ● PHIL BROWN

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▶ Drive Angry, starring Nicholas Cage, has been getting mixed reviews since it opened.

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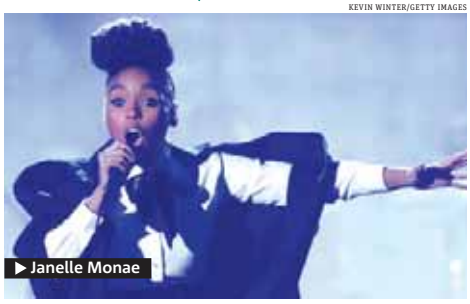

▶ Janelle Monae

Sound Check

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If you're anywhere in the vicinity of Toronto, you'll know that the city has been taken over by a mob of musicians and music fans who, by this time, are hung over and extremely sleep-deprived.

Such are the rituals of Canadian Music Week. With more than 800 acts from all over the planet in the midst of a five-day gigging marathon, the greatest challenge (next to preserving liver function) is figuring out which acts to see. Here are a few more recommendations for the home stretch from Friday until Sunday night.

Alcoholic Faith Mission
The closest Denmark has ever come to replicating Broken Social Scene and the Arcade Fire. alcoholicfaithmission.com

Courage My Love
London, Ont., pop punk trio led by a couple of cute-as-a-button 16-year-old twin sisters on guitars and drums.
Gene Simmons (yes, him) scouted them as possible signings for his record label. ilovecourage mylove.com

Ebsen and the Witch
Shoegaze fuzz from Brighton, England, enriched by a dollop of Siouxsie and the Banshees gothy-ness. esbenandthewitch.co.uk

Hungary Kids of Hungary
Naturally, they're from Brisbane and part of a large Australian contingent at this year's festival.
A good complement to anyone into Phoenix or Vampire Weekend. hungrykidsofhungary.com

James Vincent McMorrow
Former hardcore fan turned singer-songwriter with a wonderfully gentle and touching album called Early in the Morning that was written in a cabin overlooking the Irish Sea. jamesvmcmorrow.com

Janelle Monae
Part of the Bruno Mars/B.o.B. showstopper performance at the Grammys, Monae released her debut record to much acclaim last year. jmonae.com.

A full schedule along with band profiles and details on how you can buy an all-access wristband can be found at cmw.net.

YouTube teams with universities

YouTube is partnering with universities to launch a new media program series for aspiring digital filmmakers.
The video-sharing website announced Thursday it would launch the YouTube Creator Institute with the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts and Columbia College Chicago.
It says the schools will offer on-campus and online educational courses to its users so they can "hone their digital media skills and accelerate their YouTube careers."
Course work will range from cinematography to social media strategy.
Classes begin in May. Inaugural classes at USC and CCC will have 10 students each. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Before Twitter, Sheen did films

Let's go back to a happier, simpler time, when Charlie Sheen was known primarily as an actor, and not a multimedia motor mouth who's coined such instant catchphrases as "winning" and "tiger blood," and behaved so erratically that he lost his high-paying TV gig.

For a while there — mostly in the '80s — Sheen made movies, like his father, Martin Sheen, and his brother, Emilio Estevez. Sure, he appeared in his share of idiotic comedies and action flicks, but he also delivered some strong roles and worked with some daring directors. So let's take a look at Sheen's five best performances — outside of his Twitter account or webcast Sheen's Korner, that is.

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Platoon (1986)

Sheen is at the centre of Oliver Stone's Vietnam War epic — he's standing in for Stone, really — as a young man conflicted about war and his place in the world, while simultaneously being torn between two powerful superiors. The film is immediate, intense and visceral, the winner of four Academy Awards including best picture and best director. This, and the next film on the list, would make Sheen a superstar in the mid-1980s.

Wall Street (1987)

Sheen reunites with Stone for a movie that could not be more reflective of its place and time. He stars as Bud Fox, an ambitious, young stockbroker who's willing to do whatever he must to get to the top. Again, he's torn between two influential men: Michael Douglas in his Oscar-winning role as the greedy Gordon Gekko and Martin Sheen, who's also playing his on-screen father, a union leader who taught Bud to respect his blue-collar upbringing. Bud is intoxicated by his lavish new lifestyle.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)

He only had a brief part — not nearly the screen time of star Matthew Broderick or even Alan Ruck as Ferris's best friend, Cameron. But he's a pivotal force in helping Jennifer Grey, as Ferris's frustrated sister, loosen up and let go of her jealousy. Sitting in a police station with messy hair and dark circles under his eyes, he's a dangerous delinquent but also kind of sexy. Appropriately, the first word he utters to her is, "Drugs?" But by the end, he's got Grey making out with him.

Eight Men Out (1988)

John Sayles' film about how the 1919 Chicago White Sox threw the World Series is probably the best movie ever made about baseball. It's intelligent, detailed and earnest, but it may not be for everyone, since it is literally so inside baseball. Still, it placed Sheen among a tremendous ensemble cast, featuring John Cusack, David Strathairn and John Mahoney. He played centre fielder Oscar "Hap" Felsch, who initially was reluctant to go along with the scheme but soon gave in.

Major League (1989)

It seems only fitting in retrospect that Wild Thing was the song that played when Sheen's character came out of the bullpen — and that he has difficulty with control. As Rick "Wild Thing" Vaughn, Sheen did his own pitching and supposedly hit 83 mph on the radar gun. As he'd declare these days in one of his many exclamatory tweets, "Fastball!" The story of a Cleveland Indians team that plays better to avoid having the owner move them to Miami is still amusing today.

Ready for a fight

Dragons buy into mixed martial arts business

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▶ "Dragon" Arlene Dickinson decided to pass on the deal.

The co-owners of the Victoria-based Armageddon Fighting Championships left the Dragons' Den with their hands raised.

The two mixed martial arts promoters emerged with new investors after appearing on the CBC TV show, whose so-called Dragons grill entrepreneurs on their business ventures before deciding whether to buy in.

AFC co-owners Jason Heit and Darren Owen had asked for $55,000 for 10 per cent of their company to help fund their growth.

In the episode that aired Wednesday, which was recorded in the fall, they brought along a ring girl and two fighters to help make their pitch.

Three Dragons turned down the deal before Herjavec offered $55,000 for 40 per cent of the business.

"We're not willing to give up 40 per cent," said Owen.

Dragon Jim Treliving, chairman of Boston Pizza and Global Entertainment Corporation, then offered $55,000 for 25 per cent, offering up his U.S. contacts for the business. And Herjavec revised his bid for an additional five per cent for $25,000 if they took Treliving's offer.

"Done deal," said Heit.

"Done," added Owen.

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Spielberg. WWI epic

▶ Albert (Jeremy Irvine) and his horse Joey in a scene from War Horse, directed by Steven Spielberg.

COURTESY DREAMWORKS

Spielberg cooking up another war epic

Here's a Metro first look at director Steven Spielberg's next movie War Horse, which is slated to be released Dec. 28, 2011. War Horse is an epic adventure set at the outbreak of the First World War about a young boy named Albert (Jeremy Irvine) and his horse Joey. Albert's father sells Joey to the British cavalry and Albert travels to the battlefields of France to bring Joey home.

Biebs is the bait

Bieber, Bedingfield guest on Rascal Flatts' concert special

The members of Rascal Flatts hope to gain new fans with their ABC concert special. And they've got the perfect bait: Justin Bieber.

Turns out music's biggest heartthrob is a fan of the trio.

"It's funny because his mom turned him on to us," singer Gary LeVox said.

"He wrote something about being a fan of ours in his book. So (his camp) just reached out to us and said, 'We have a song, That Should Be Me, and we wanted to see if you guys would be interested in doing it.'"

Saturday night's special, Rascal Flatts: Nothing Like This Presented by JC Penney, will feature a never-seen clip from the video for That Should Be Me and behind-the-scenes footage of its making.

"He's such a talented kid," bassist Jay DeMarcus said.

"He really is. He's wildly talented. He plays about 14 different instruments and he sings all day long. It's just really, really inspiring to see somebody so fired up and focused on music because he's eaten alive with it."

LeVox is familiar with the demographic Bieber draws. His young daughters are fans of the 17-year-old phenom and LeVox made sure they got to meet him.

"I wouldn't have been able to go home," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sara Evans emerges Stronger after hiatus

Sara Evans says she's never one to make an autobiographical album. Yet you can't blame listeners for reading between the lines on her latest single, A Little Bit Stronger.

It deals with a woman slowly getting over a busted relationship and emerging stronger for the ordeal — a lot like what has happened to Evans over the past five years.

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▶ Sara Evans

She went through a very public divorce that forced her to pull out of Dancing With The Stars in 2006. Suddenly a single mom, she wasn't sure what her future would hold. How would she continue her career with three children to raise mostly alone?

Sounds just like the song, doesn't it?

"People say, 'A Little Bit Stronger is totally about you,' and I'm like, 'It's really not,'" Evans said. "(Lady Antebellum's) Hillary Scott, Hillary Lindsey and Luke Laird wrote it. It's more about (Scott's) life. It's her story about a breakup that she went through, and I thought it was just such a fabulous song that I can totally take it on."

A Little Bit Stronger is the show-stopper on the 40-year-old's latest album out this week.

Autobiographical or not, Evans has emerged from her divorce a stronger woman with the kind of life she had trouble imagining after the divorce.

A mutual friend set her up with former Alabama quarterback Jay Barker and the two fell in love in five weeks. She married him and moved to Birmingham where the couple now live with their blended family of seven children.

"I'm now completely at peace and I feel like I'm at home with Jay," Evans said. "It sort of feels like we knew each other as kids or something then didn't see each other and reunited. It's a bizarre thing how connected we were instantly." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moore set to play Palin

Julianne Moore is set to play former vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin in an upcoming TV film.

HBO Films said Wednesday that Moore will star in the film Game Change, which follows John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign from when he chose Palin as his running mate through their defeat in the general election. The film is based on the bestselling book of the same name.

No other cast members were announced, and HBO did not say when production on the film might begin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Lubna Azabal poses with her Genie award for performance by an actress in a leading role for Incendies at the 31st Genie Awards in Ottawa on Thursday.

Incendies tops Genies

The drama won a leading eight awards Barney's Version takes seven

Denis Villeneuve's Oscar-nominated saga Incendies blazed through the Genie Awards to claim Canada's top film prizes Thursday, clinching wins for best film, best director, best adapted screenplay and best actress.

Last year, the soft-spoken Quebec director swept the field with his haunting, black-and-white rendering of the Montreal massacre, Polytechnique.

Despite the back-to-back triumphs, Villeneuve bemoaned a lack of support for francophone films in English Canada.

"Last year I won for Polytechnique. I won nine Genie awards. I made the front page everywhere in Quebec. But here, in the Globe and Mail, I was just beside dead people, at the end of the last page," Villeneuve said on the red carpet before the trophies were handed out.

Barney's Version, the cinematic adaptation of Mordecai Richler's sprawling final novel, followed close behind Incendies with seven prizes, including acting trophies for stars Paul Giamatti, Dustin Hoffman and Minnie Driver.

The Hollywood heavyweights were notably absent at the ceremony, leaving the presenters to accept the trophies on their behalf.

Giamatti took the best actor prize for his portrayal of curmudgeonly, hockey-mad protagonist Barney Panofsky, widely seen as an alter-ego of Richler himself. In January, the Sideways star also won a Golden Globe for the role, using his acceptance speech to profess his love for Canada and Montreal, where the film was shot.

"I'm very, very sorry not to be there in person this evening," Giamatti said in a statement read by co-star Rachelle Lefevre.

"To be acknowledged in the country that produced this great film, the tremendous novel it's based on and the uniquely brilliant Mordecai Richler, is pleasing and moving to me beyond words."

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Amazing a new audience

Cirque du Soleil travels to Johannesburg for first-ever performance in Africa

The audience gasped as a performer in Cirque du Soleil's Saltimbanco circled up a brass-coloured pole and stretched his body out into an extension perfectly perpendicular to the pole while his hands gripped it tightly.

As the acrobat slid down 20 feet to the floor, in pranced Daniel Buckland, Cirque du Soleil's only South African performer, clad in a blue sparkly pair of pyjamas and a long pointy hat.

Buckland murmured some phrases in a made-up language, dancing across the stage and seducing the Johannesburg audience into the show's dreamlike world.

Wednesday's opening performance in Johannesburg was the Montreal-based company's first-ever performance in Africa.

"Performing with Cirque is an absolute dream," said Buckland, who joined the company in January, and has since performed in France, Germany, Turkey and now his home country of South Africa.

Cirque du Soleil, renowned for creating surreal atmospheres and showing captivating and awe-inspiring stunts, is reaching out to new audiences worldwide, said the company's spokesman Maxime Charbonneau. In the past year the show, Saltimbanco, has been performed in Budapest and Croatia, new countries for the company.

After the success of the World Cup, the Cirque du Soleil organizers knew it was possible to bring the circus to South Africa too, Charbonneau said.

"Everywhere we go here, people say, 'Wow! Finally, this is cool,'" Charbonneau said.

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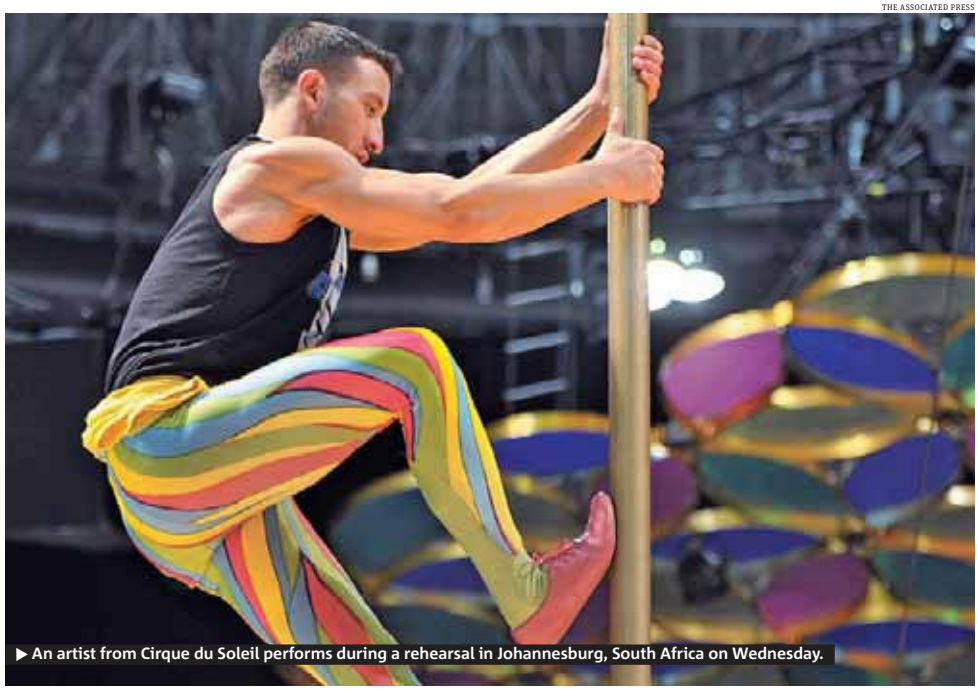

▶ An artist from Cirque du Soleil performs during a rehearsal in Johannesburg, South Africa on Wednesday.

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Friends fear X-tina headed for disaster

New boyfriend said to be enabling hard partying ways since her divorce

With a divorce, flubbing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl and getting arrested for public intoxication, it hasn't been a great few months for Christina Aguilera, and some close to the singer think she's spiraling out of control, according to Star magazine.

"Christina's lost her confidence since she split from Jordan (Bratman.)" a source says. "She gets terribly sad, and that's when all the awful memories come flooding back and she ends up numbing herself with booze and food."

Friends also think Aguilera's new boyfriend, Matt Rutler, is "an enabler" and isn't helping matters. Rutler was arrested alongside Aguilera earlier this month.

"Everyone is worried sick," says a concerned friend. "She needs to get help before something even more serious happens." METRO

"Everyone is worried sick. She needs to get help before something even more serious happens."
SOURCE SPEAKING ABOUT AGUILERA'S DOWNWARD SPIRAL

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Christina Aguilera

Talking points

Lohan turns down a new plea deal

PEOPLE. The day before she was due back in court for her felony theft charge, Lindsay Lohan rejected a plea deal made by the district attorney, sending her case to trial, according to Radar Online.

"Judge Keith Schwartz indicated he would give Lindsay less than the six months the DA was seeking, if she pleaded in front of him," a source tells the website. "(Lohan's lawyer) Shawn Holley was asking for no jail time, but the judge said he would sentence her to a minimum of 60 days, but likely not longer than 90 days." Lohan is accused of stealing a $2,500 necklace from a jewelry store. METRO

Keeping the future king in line

PEOPLE. Kate Middleton is getting ready to walk down the aisle with Prince William and live happily ever after, and author Christopher Anderson says it's William who should be the most grateful.

"(Princes William and Harry) do drink a lot," Anderson tells Popeater. "That's where Kate comes in. One of the great jobs she's been able to perform is pulling William back from the edge a bit. You always see them coming out of those bars, and ... she's in good shape." METRO

Celebrity tweets

Neil Patrick Harris [@Actually-NPH] HIMYM picked up for 2 more years! Yahoo! With so much job security, I should buy something extravagant. Like a pony. Or some gold teeth!

Howard Stern [@Howard-Stern] tweeting from my mac right now great machine. still getting familiar with it. I'm set in my ways

Charlie Sheen [@charlie-sheen] hey Guinness, might wanna start writing them in pencil. #checkit ; you've been warned.

Stephen Fry [@steph-enfry] More filming today. All in the London area this time. Good to know it's one's own bed, and not a hotel room, that awaits at day's end. METRO

3 life

Food court choices

Food courts are packed with unhealthy choices. Samara Foisy, a registered dietitian at the Heart and Stroke Foundation, offers nutritious navigation advice.

- Order from a sandwich, salad or soup bar. Building your meal will ensure you make better choices.
- Look for whole grain pizza with thin crust.
- Choose water, lower fat milk or 100 per cent fruit juice. NEWS CANADA

Reduce sodium while dining out. Scan or visit metronews.ca for story.

Around the world with Guinness

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Believe it or not, more than one million pints of Guinness stout will be drunk across Canada this coming St. Patrick's Day.

If you think you're missing something in your glass because you're not having one in Ireland, you're wrong. If I learned one thing during my trip there last fall, it was that Guinness tastes the same from a tap in Belfast, Galway, Cork and Dublin as it does from anywhere in our country.

What you might have trouble believing is that the liquid inside a can of Guinness Draught (4 x 440 ml, $10.95 to $12.49) also tastes the same as a freshly poured pint from any tavern on the Emerald Isle.

Save your emails, beer geeks. I drank my body weight in the stuff during my week-long trip — including one at the bar on top of the brewery itself — and couldn't tell the difference.

It's the nitrogen laden widget floating inside that allows the beer to keep its true Irish personality. Released when the can is opened the gas gives the brew its thick head and fresh-from-the-tap flavour. Sláinte!

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Be a winner in the kitchen — literally

Recreate the impressive bison tenderloin that won Jean-Francois Daigle the title of Canadian Regional S. Pellegrino Almost Famous Chef

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Last month, a fast-paced, high-pressure cooking competition saw eight culinary students from across the country compete for the title of Canadian Regional S. Pellegrino Almost Famous Chef.

And the winner was Jean-Francois Daigle of Toronto's George Brown College.

He wowed the judges with all the right kitchen moves and, of course, his dish — Honey Seared Bison Tenderloin with Apple Parsnip Purée.

With this coveted title, Daigle, and nine other regional winners from across North America, will compete during the three-day finals in Napa Valley, Calif, which start today.

The overall winner will take the title, up to $20,000 and a paid apprenticeship from one of the participating judges.

"I feel very humbled to have won this competition against the great talent of my fellow competitors," says Daigle.

"Although I was nervous presenting to the judges,

"I believed in my vision. I've learned from a number of great chefs and it's this learning that helped me achieve this honour."

Check out Daigle's winning recipe and try getting creative in your own kitchen this weekend.

CLIFF SPICER/ CP

▶ A creamy apple-parsnip purée is the base for the decadent richness of the bison.

Honey Seared Bison Tenderloin with Apple Parsnip Purée by Jean-Francois Daigle

Preparation:

1 **Apple Parsnip Purée:** In a pot of boiling water, cook parsnips, covered, for 15 minutes or until tender. Add apples, cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until very tender. Drain and puree in a food processor until smooth. Whisk in cream and mustard and season to taste with salt and pepper; keep warm.

2 Meanwhile, in saucepan bring stock, wine, carrots, celery, onion, bay leaves and peppercorns to a boil. Simmer until reduced to 2-1/2 cups (625 mL). Remove bay leaves and discard.

3 Sprinkle tenderloin with salt and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet, in batches sear both sides of the tenderloin and place on lightly greased baking sheet. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with thyme. Roast in 425 F (220 C) oven for 5 to 7 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted in centre reaches 145 F (63 C) for medium-rare.

4 Spoon apple parsnip puree in centre of plate and top with tenderloin and spoon vegetable sauce around plate.

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Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) beef broth
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) dry red wine
- 1 cup (250 mL) each diced carrots and onion
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) diced celery
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp (5 mL) whole black peppercorns
- 1 buffalo or beef tenderloin, about 2 lbs/1 kg, cut into 8 equal portions
- Sea salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil or garlic oil
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) honey
- 2 tsp (10 mL) fresh thyme

Apple Parsnip Purée

- 1 lb (500 g) parsnips, peeled and chopped
- 1 lb (500 g) apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) 35% whipping cream, hot
- 2 tsp (10 mL) Dijon mustard
- Salt and white pepper

Heat break out of slump in style against L.A.

94	88
HEAT	LAKERS

The first chore for the Miami Heat is done: They're in the playoffs.

That's no surprise.

Snapping a five-game slide by beating the NBA's hottest team to get there, well, that might not have been what everyone saw coming.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points, Dwyane Wade added eight of his 20 in the fourth quarter and the Heat ended their losing streak by beating the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers 94-88 on Thursday night, the earliest Miami has secured a post-season bid in franchise history.

LeBron James finished with 19 points, nine assists and eight rebounds for the Heat, and Mike Miller scored 12 for Miami.

Kobe Bryant scored 24 points for the Lakers, whose eight-game winning streak was snapped. Pau Gasol added 20 and Andrew Bynum finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Bosh — who said after Tuesday's loss to Portland that he would demand the ball more often in the low post — made six of his first seven attempts and had 16 points in the first half.

Miller added 11 by halftime, only the second time he'd reached double digits in the first two quarters all season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bryzgalov puts up a wall

Flames take play to Coyotes but can't get anything past hot goaltender

Ilya Bryzgalov makes a save as Rene Bourque and David Moss circle the Coyotes net in Phoenix last night.

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COYOTES	FLAMES

Ilya Bryzgalov made 38 saves for his sixth shutout of the season and 22nd overall in the Phoenix Coyotes' 3-0 victory over the Calgary Flames Thursday night.

Phoenix moved into a tie for fourth place in the Western Conference with Calgary and Chicago, winning for the first time in regulation since beating Nashville 3-2 on Feb. 19.

Rookie Brett MacLean scored in the second period, and Eric Belanger added a goal in the third, and captain Shane Doan had an empty-netter with 1:56 remaining.

The Flames lost for only the second time in 12 games.

While shots were limited in the first period, the Flames carried the play through the balance of the game.

The Coyotes struggled on two power-play opportunities in the first period. Given the man advantage Phoenix could not manage a shot on Henrik Karlsson during either chance. Coming into the game, the Coyotes had a 16.4 per cent success rate on the power play, tied for 22nd in the NHL.

The Coyotes, though, struck first.

MacLean, crashing the net on the off-wing, converted a pass from Mikkel Boedker for his second of the season just 1:51 into the second period.

In the period, the Flamers peppered Bryzgalov with 19 shots, many good scoring chances, but could not score. Jokinen hit the post, and Bryzgalov made strong saves on Tim Jackman and Alex Tanguay, the latter on a power-play opportunity in the final seconds of the period. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Quoted

"Obviously, we play a physical and violent game. Things like this do happen. No one likes to see guys get carried off on stretchers, it's not what our game's about, but there's risks involved in playing."

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NHL

Halak stumps old team

Jaroslav Halak made 27 saves in his first game against his former Montreal teammates to help the St. Louis Blues beat the Canadiens 4-1 on Thursday night.

Montreal was playing its first game without left-winger Max Pacioretty, out indefinitely with a severe concussion and fractured fourth vertebrae as a result of a check Tuesday night at the hands of Boston defenceman Zdeno Chara. Pacioretty was released from the hospital Thursday.

Andy McDonald had a goal and two assists, and Matt D'Agostini added a goal and an assist for St. Louis.

The Blues' faint playoff hopes remained alive with their third win.

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Blues lose Steen and Jackman

St. Louis Blues winger Alex Steen and defenceman Barret Jackman will be sidelined at least four weeks because of injuries. Steen has a high ankle sprain in his right leg and Jackman a broken right index finger. They were injured Wednesday night in a 4-3 loss in Columbus.

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QMJHL raps player for racism

Chicoutimi Sagueneens star forward Guillaume Asselin has been suspended for two games and ordered to apologize for making a racial comment to the Quebec Remparts' Mikael Tam during a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League game. Asselin's team was fined $500.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Top teams proving their worth at Brier

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton throws his rock against Quebec Thursday during the Brier in London, Ont.

Stoughton, Martin, Howard and Gushue lock up playoff spots

No surprise teams this time around.

The favourites came through in round-robin play this week at the Tim Hortons Brier. Ontario's Glenn Howard, Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton, Alberta's Kevin Martin and Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador all reached the playoffs while Northern Ontario came up just short Thursday afternoon.

Martin locked up the final playoff spot with a dramatic 7-6 victory over the Northwest Territories/Yukon. The Alberta skip hit a double-raise takeout to score two with the final throw of the 10th end.

"It was probably the only shot I made that game," said Martin, who shot just 60 per cent.

Playoff format

The winner of Friday's 1-2 playoff game advances to the final.

▶ The loser will play in the semifinal Saturday night against the winner of the 3-4 game from earlier that day for a spot in the final.

The seeding was settled in the round-robin finale Thursday night at the John Labatt Centre. Martin defeated Howard 6-5 while Gushue locked up the top seed with a 9-7 win over Quebec.

Gushue will meet Stoughton in the 1-2 Page Playoff game.

Martin and Howard will square off again in the 3-4 game Saturday afternoon.

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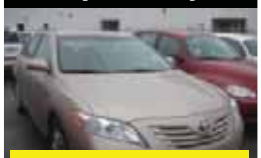

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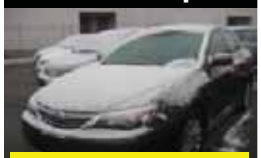

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d-Washington	68	38	20	5	5	183	167	86	20-8-2-5	18-12-3-0	8-2-0-0	W6
d-Boston	67	38	20	4	5	203	160	85	16-12-3-2	22-8-1-3	7-2-1-0	L3
Pittsburgh	68	39	21	5	3	196	167	86	21-11-2-0	18-10-3-3	4-2-3-1	W2
Tampa Bay	67	38	21	3	5	200	203	84	22-8-1-4	16-13-2-1	4-4-0-2	W1
Montreal	68	37	24	4	3	181	172	81	21-8-3-3	16-16-1-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Buffalo	67	33	26	7	1	194	193	74	14-15-2-1	19-11-5-0	6-2-1-1	W1
NY Rangers	69	35	30	2	2	195	169	74	15-17-1-2	20-13-1-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Carolina	67	31	26	5	5	193	204	72	18-10-2-2	13-16-3-3	4-4-1-1	L2
Toronto	68	29	29	5	5	178	209	68	15-13-3-4	14-16-2-1	4-2-2-2	L3
Atlanta	67	28	28	4	7	187	216	67	14-14-1-5	14-14-3-2	3-6-0-1	W2
New Jersey	66	30	32	3	1	140	170	64	15-14-2-1	15-18-0-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Florida	68	27	32	5	4	169	188	63	13-14-5-3	14-18-0-1	2-6-2-0	L1
NY Islanders	68	26	32	5	5	188	215	62	15-15-1-4	11-17-4-1	5-2-2-1	W1
Ottawa	67	24	34	5	4	151	208	57	11-18-2-3	13-16-3-1	6-4-0-0	W2

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d-Detroit	67	39	20	5	3	220	195	86	17-11-3-2	22-9-2-1	4-4-1-1	L4
d-San Jose	67	39	22	4	2	188	169	84	18-11-2-1	21-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	W1
Chicago	68	37	24	2	5	223	190	81	21-14-0-0	16-10-3-4	8-1-0-1	L2
Phoenix	69	35	23	7	4	197	198	81	17-11-4-2	18-12-3-2	4-4-1-1	W1
Calgary	70	36	25	3	6	211	199	81	21-10-1-3	15-15-2-3	6-3-0-1	L1
Dallas	67	36	23	3	5	187	190	80	18-9-2-4	18-14-1-1	4-4-2-0	L1
Los Angeles	67	37	25	3	2	185	164	79	20-11-2-0	17-14-1-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Nashville	68	34	24	6	4	173	159	78	16-7-4-3	18-18-1-1	3-5-1-1	W1
Anaheim	67	36	26	3	2	187	195	77	21-11-1-1	15-15-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Minnesota	68	35	26	2	5	176	180	77	17-13-1-3	18-13-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Columbus	66	31	26	4	5	183	200	71	16-13-1-2	15-13-3-3	3-3-1-3	L6
St. Louis	68	30	29	4	5	190	202	71	20-11-1-3	11-17-3-2	4-6-0-0	W3
Colorado	66	26	32	7	1	187	229	60	14-16-4-0	12-16-3-1	1-7-1-1	L6
Edmonton	68	23	37	1	7	170	224	54	12-19-1-3	11-18-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2

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Last night's results
Ottawa 2 Florida 1
Philadelphia 3 Toronto 2
Phoenix 3 Calgary 0
St. Louis 4 Montreal 1
Buffalo 4 Boston 3 (OT)
Nashville 4 Minnesota 0
Vancouver at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Calgary 4 Dallas 3 (SO)
Washington 5 Edmonton 0
Anaheim 5 N.Y. Rangers 2
Atlanta 3 Carolina 2 (OT)
Los Angeles 2 Detroit 1
St. Louis 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
Tampa Bay 4 Chicago 3 (SO)
Tonight's games
(all times Eastern)
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9 p.m.

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First Period
1. Philadelphia, Meszaros 6 (Giroux, Briere) 4:55 (pp)
Penalties — Komisarek Tor (boarding major, served by Lupul) 3:45, O'Donnell Pha, Versteeg Pha, Brown Tor (roughing) 16:08.
Second Period
2. Philadelphia, Powe 6 (Carle) 9:36
3. Toronto, Grabovski 26 (Phaneuf, MacArthur) 13:23 (pp)
4. Philadelphia, Giroux 22 (van Riemsdyk, Carter) 14:40
Penalties — Hartnell Pha (cross-checking), Boyce Tor (slashing) 5:32, Phaneuf Tor (slashing) 6:59, Boynton Pha (hooking) 10:18.
Third Period
5. Toronto, Lupul 9 (Brown, Brent) 7:56
Penalties — Versteeg Pha (tripping) 4:40, Giroux Pha (roughing), Gunnarsson Tor (cross-checking) 15:31.
Shots on goal by

Philadelphia	12	14	7 —33
Toronto	9	13	7 —29

Goal — Philadelphia: Boucher (W,16-8-2); Toronto: Reimer (L,12-6-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Philadelphia: 1-3; Toronto: 1-3.
Attendance — 19,475 (18,819) at Toronto.

SENATORS 2, PANTHERS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Kulikov Fla (interference) 0:09, Kulikov Fla (high-sticking) 4:08, Z.Smith Ott (interference) 6:18, Weiss Fla (hooking) 7:03, Karlsson Ott (holding) 8:34, Spezza Ott (roughing) 12:54.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Third Period
1. Ottawa, Karlsson 10 (Kuba, Foligno) 11:12
2. Ottawa, Karlsson 11 (Gonchar, Spezza) 14:50 (pp)
3. Florida, Wilson 2 (Bergfors, Repik) 15:47
Penalties — Lessard Ott (charging major, game misconduct) 2:40, Santorelli Fla (hooking) 13:37.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	14	12	13—39
Florida	7	11	16—34

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,19-18-3); Florida: Vokoun (L,21-24-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-4; Florida: 0-4.
Att. — 12,310 (17,040) at Sunrise, Fla.

BLUES 4, CANADIENS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Halpern 11 (Picard, Mara) 12:30
2. St. Louis, Backes 24 (McDonald) 18:59
Penalties — Crombeen StL (goaltender interference) 2:57, Cammalleri Mtl (interference) 6:06.
Second Period
3. St. Louis, McDonald 17 (D'Agostini) 1:06
Penalties — Mara Mtl, Reaves StL (fighting) 3:19, Pietrangelo StL (holding) 5:35, Pouliot Mtl (holding) 12:53, Gionta Mtl (roughing) 15:46.
Third Period
4. St. Louis, D'Agostini 14 (McDonald) 18:31
5. St. Louis, Oshie 8 (Berglund) 19:37 (en-sh)
Penalties — Plekanec Mtl, Backes StL (roughing) 8:33, Backes StL (holding) 19:30.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	12	6	10—28
St. Louis	13	8	6—27

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,32-22-6); St. Louis: Halak (W,21-17-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-3; St. Louis: 0-3.
Att. — 19,150 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

COYOTES 3, FLAMES 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Giordano Cal (hooking) 3:56, Jokinen Cal (hooking) 14:10, Ekman-Larsson Pho (high-sticking) 18:44.
Second Period
1. Phoenix, MacLean 2 (Boedker, Turris) 1:51
Penalty — Rozsival Pho (delay of game) 19:13.
Third Period
2. Phoenix, Belanger 11 (Morris, Yandle) 4:49
3. Phoenix, Doan 16, 18:04 (en)
Penalty — Schlemko Pho (tripping) 7:52.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	7	19	12—38
Phoenix	8	15	9—32

Goal — Calgary: Karlsson (L,4-5-4); Phoenix: Bryzgalov (W,29-17-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 0-3; Phoenix: 0-2.
Att. — 13,003 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
D.Sedin, Vcr	34	50	84
Stamkos, TB	42	39	81
H.Sedin, Vcr	16	63	79
St. Louis, TB	25	53	78
Ovechkin, Wash	27	45	72
Perry, Ana	33	38	71
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Toews, Chi	28	40	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Iginla, Cal	30	36	66

Not including last night's games

GOLF

WGC CADILLAC CHAMPIONSHIP

At Doral, Fla.
Par 72 (36-36)
Partial first round
(play suspended due to severe weather)

Charley Hoffman	33-34—67
D.A. Points	33-35—68
Thomas Bjorn	37-34—71
Anders Hansen	35-36—71
Aaron Baddeley	37-35—72
Zach Johnson	36-36—72
Rhys Davies	38-35—73
Ryan Palmer	36-37—73
S.S.P. Chowrasia	38-36—74
Rory Sabbatini	37-37—74
Geoff Ogilvy	39-37—76

PGA PUERTO RICO OPEN

At Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
Par 72 (36-36)
First round

James Driscoll	33-30—63
Will MacKenzie	31-34—65
Omar Uresti	33-33—66
Brendan Steele	33-33—66
Angel Cabrera	35-31—66
Troy Matteson	33-34—67
Aron Price	32-35—67
Hunter Haas	32-35—67
Fabian Gomez	36-31—67
Also	
David Hearn	**34-34—68**
Stephen Ames	**34-35—69**
Matt McQuillan	**36-35—71**
Chris Baryla	**37-40—77**
Mike Weir	**WD**

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	11	9	2	.818	132	101	—
Buffalo	9	6	3	.667	98	83	2
Boston	10	6	4	.600	107	90	2½
Rochester	10	5	5	.500	93	107	3½
Philadelphia	11	4	7	.364	99	125	5

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	9	6	3	.667	104	96	—
Minnesota	9	5	4	.556	102	98	1
Washington	10	5	5	.500	133	118	1½
Edmonton	10	2	8	.200	103	128	4½
Colorado	9	1	8	.111	80	105	5

Tomorrow's game
(all times Eastern)
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Calgary at Washington, 8 p.m.

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	9	4	.692
Seattle	7	4	.636
Detroit	9	6	.600
Baltimore	6	5	.545
Boston	7	6	.538
Texas	7	6	.538
Minnesota	6	6	.500
N.Y. Yankees	6	6	.500
L.A. Angels	6	8	.429
Chicago White Sox	5	7	.417
Oakland	5	7	.417
Tampa Bay	5	7	.417
Toronto	5	7	.417
Cleveland	4	8	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	11	4	.733
Washington	8	4	.667
Atlanta	8	5	.615
Cincinnati	8	5	.615
Colorado	8	5	.615
St. Louis	7	5	.583
Philadelphia	8	6	.571
Milwaukee	7	6	.538
San Diego	6	6	.500
N.Y. Mets	6	8	.429
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429
Florida	5	7	.417
Chicago Cubs	5	8	.385
L.A. Dodgers	5	9	.357
Arizona	5	11	.313
Houston	4	10	.286

Yesterday's results
Toronto 7 Minnesota 4
Tampa Bay 8 Boston 6
Atlanta 2 St. Louis 1
Washington (ss) 6 N.Y. Mets 5
Philadelphia 7 N.Y. Yankees 0
N.Y. Mets 9 Florida 4
Chicago White Sox (ss) 7 Texas 6
Oakland 4 Kansas City (ss) 4
Seattle 10 L.A. Angels (ss) 5
Chicago Cubs 2 Cleveland 1
San Diego 8 L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 9 Milwaukee 8 (10 ings)
San Francisco 7 Cincinnati 0
Kansas City (ss) 4 L.A. Angels (ss) 3
Detroit 6 Florida 1
Houston 6 Washington (ss) 5
Baltimore 11 Pittsburgh 8
Chicago White Sox (ss) 5 Arizona 3

TENNIS

ATP-WTA BNP PARIBAS OPEN

At Indian Wells, Calif.
Yesterday's results
Women
Singles — First Round
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. **Rebecca Marino, Vancouver**, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Jamie Hampton, U.S., 6-2, 6-4.
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-1.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-1, 6-1.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Varvara Lepchenko, U.S., 6-1, 6-2.
Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 7-6 (0), 6-1.
Dinara Safina, Russia, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.
Men
Singles — First Round
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-2, 6-0.
Donald Young, U.S., def. Potito Starace, Italy, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Ryan Sweeting, U.S., def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
dx-Boston	46	16	.742	—
y-Chicago	45	18	.714	1½
dx-Miami	44	21	.677	3½
Orlando	41	24	.631	6½
Atlanta	37	27	.578	10
New York	34	30	.531	13
Philadelphia	33	31	.516	14
Indiana	27	37	.422	20
Charlotte	26	38	.406	21
Milwaukee	25	38	.397	21½
Detroit	23	42	.354	24½
New Jersey	20	43	.317	26½
Toronto	17	47	.266	30
Washington	16	47	.254	30½
Cleveland	12	52	.188	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
dx-San Antonio	52	12	.813	—
Dallas	47	18	.723	5½
d-L.A. Lakers	46	20	.697	7
d-Oklahoma City	40	23	.635	11½
Denver	37	27	.578	15
Portland	37	27	.578	15
New Orleans	38	29	.567	15½
Memphis	36	30	.545	17
Phoenix	33	29	.532	18
Utah	34	31	.523	18½
Houston	33	33	.500	20
Golden State	28	36	.438	24
L.A. Clippers	25	40	.385	27½
Minnesota	16	50	.242	37
Sacramento	15	47	.242	36

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Dallas 127 New York 109
Miami 94 L.A. Lakers 88
Denver at Phoenix
Wednesday's results
Utah 96 Toronto 94
Chicago 101 Charlotte 84
L.A. Clippers 108 Boston 103
New Jersey 94 Golden State 90
Oklahoma City 110 Philadelphia 105 (OT)
New York 110 Memphis 108
Milwaukee 110 Cleveland 90
Minnesota 101 Indiana 75
New Orleans 93 Dallas 92
San Antonio 111 Detroit 104
Orlando 106 Sacramento 102
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Portland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
x-Sri Lanka	4	3	1	1	1	7
New Zealand	4	3	0	1	0	6
Pakistan	4	3	0	1	0	6
Australia	3	2	1	0	1	5
Canada	**4**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**2**
Zimbabwe	4	1	0	3	0	2
Kenya	4	0	0	4	0	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
India	4	3	1	0	0	7
England	4	2	1	1	0	5
South Africa	3	2	0	1	0	4
West Indies	3	2	0	1	0	4
Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	0	2
Ireland	3	1	0	2	0	2
Netherlands	4	0	0	4	0	0

x — clinched berth in quarter-finals.
Yesterday's result
At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka (327 for six) def. Zimbabwe (188, all out) by 139 runs.
Today's matches
At Mohali (Chandigah), India
West Indies vs. Ireland
At Chittagong, Bangladesh
Bangladesh vs. England

CURLING

THE BRIER

At London, Ont.

Province (Skip)	W	L
x-Manitoba (Stoughton)	9	2
x-Ontario (Howard)	8	2
x-N.L. (Gushue)	8	2
x-Alberta (Martin)	8	2
Northern Ont. (Jacobs)	6	4
Nova Scotia (Adams)	4	6
Saskatchewan (Laycock)	4	6
B.C. (Cotter)	4	6
New Brunswick (Grattan)	4	7
Quebec (Gagne)	3	7
NWT/Yukon (Koe)	3	8
P.E.I. (MacKenzie)	1	10

x — clinched playoff berth.
Yesterday's results
Draw 15
British Columbia 7 Prince Edward Island 1
New Brunswick 6 Saskatchewan 4
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 Manitoba 5
Ontario 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2
Draw 16
Alberta 7 Northwest/Yukon Territories 6
Manitoba 8 Quebec 4
Northern Ontario 6 New Brunswick 1
Nova Scotia 12 Prince Edward Island 3
Draw 17
British Columbia vs. Nova Scotia;
Saskatchewan vs. Northern Ontario; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Quebec; Alberta vs. Ontario.
End of Round Robin
Wednesday's late results
Draw 14
Manitoba 5 Alberta 1
New Brunswick 8 Nova Scotia 5
Northern Ontario 9 Prince Edward Island 2
Quebec 10 Northwest/Yukon Territories 4
Today's game
Page Playoffs
One vs. Two, 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Page Playoffs
Three vs. Four, 7:30 p.m. (One vs. Two also played if three tiebreakers are necessary)
Semifinal
One-Two Loser vs. Three-Four Winner, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Bronze Medal
Three-Four Loser vs. Semifinal Loser, 2:30 p.m.
Championship
One-Two Winner vs. Semifinal Winner, 7:30 p.m.

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

THIRD ROUND

FIRST LEG
Yesterday's results
Ajax (Netherlands) 0 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 1
Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 2 Villarreal (Spain) 3
Benfica (Portugal) 2 Paris St-Germain (France) 1
Braga (Portugal) 1 Liverpool (England) 0
CSKA Moscow (Russia) 0 Porto (Portugal) 1
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 2 Manchester City (England) 0
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 0 Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 0
Twente (Netherlands) 3 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Dundee United 2 Hamilton 1

CYCLING

PARIS-TO-NICE

At Vernoux-en-Vivaaris, France
Yesterday's results
Fifth stage (193 kilometres)
1. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, Radioshack, four hours 59 minutes; 2. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time; 3. Matteo Carrara, Italy, Vacansoleil-DCM, s.t.; 4. Tony Martin, Germany, HTC-Highroad, s.t.; 5. Rein Taaramae, Estonia, Cofidis, s.t.; 6. Robert Kiserlovski, Croatia, Astana, s.t.

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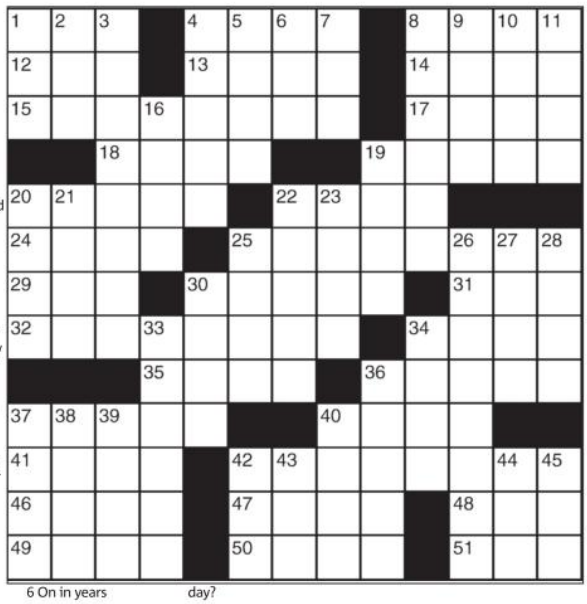

Across

1 Triangular sail
4 Fermi's bit
8 Workout venues
12 Old French coin
13 Gaucho's weapon
14 Lothario
15 Meddler
17 14-Across' look
18 Ship-building wood
19 Erect
20 Juggler's props
22 Beard site
24 Agitate
25 Loaf keeper
29 Curry of NBC News
30 Times of prosperity
31 Einstein's birthplace
32 Popular TV school
34 Cruising
35 Greet the villain
36 Francisco's farewell
37 Aquamarine or emerald
40 Remove the lid
41 Skip
42 "Sex and the City" writer
46 Approaching
47 Wrinkly fruit
48 Witness
49 Apothecary measure
50 Suitable
51 Touchdown score

Down

1 Dubya's brother
2 Hosp. area
3 Very active
4 Mahmoud of the PLO
5 Stole
6 On in years
7 Possibly will
8 Earth
9 Boo-Boo's buddy
10 Think (over)
11 Burpee product
16 Scream
19 Prejudice
20 Actor Pitt
21 Top-notch
22 Irate
23 Half (Pref.)
25 Employer
26 Work
27 Bread spread
28 Grand opening day?
30 $50, in "Monopoly"
33 Beat
34 Mideast gulf
36 Orchard pest
37 007
38 Eastern potentate
39 One European capital ...
40 ... and another
42 Annoy
43 Actor Tognazzi
44 Island souvenir
45 Superman foe Luthor

▶ Yesterday's answer

N	A	S	A	■	A	I	L	■	S	M	O	G
E	B	O	N	■	P	R	O	■	P	A	P	A
W	E	L	D	■	N	E	O	■	E	R	S	T
S	T	O	O	G	E	■	S	I	N	G	■	■
■	■	■	R	E	A	L	E	S	T	A	T	E
R	E	A	R	M	■	E	L	M	■	R	O	Y
U	R	S	A	■	S	T	Y	■	W	E	R	E
H	I	S	■	D	O	E	■	T	O	T	E	S
R	E	A	L	N	U	M	B	E	R	■	■	■
■	■	S	O	A	P	■	U	N	K	I	N	D
A	L	S	O	■	C	B	S	■	I	D	E	A
L	O	I	N	■	O	O	H	■	N	O	R	M
P	U	N	Y	■	N	A	Y	■	G	L	O	P

Sudoku

					3			5
3	2			5		7		
			1		6			8
			3	4		1		
7		9				4		2
		5		6	2			
9			5		4			
		4		8			3	7
1			7					

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	7	9	2	3	5	4	8	6
4	6	8	9	1	7	2	5	3
5	2	3	8	6	4	7	9	1
2	5	7	1	8	6	9	3	4
6	3	1	5	4	9	8	2	7
9	8	4	3	7	2	6	1	5
7	9	2	4	5	1	3	6	8
3	1	6	7	2	8	5	4	9
8	4	5	6	9	3	1	7	2

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A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Don't let others know what is going on in that busy brain of yours today. The Sun in Pisces at this time of year tends to make you more secretive.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You won't be disappointed if someone let's you down today because you weren't keen on what you were going to do together anyway. If you have free time, use it well.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Success in any worthwhile endeavour comes to those who know what they want and how to go about getting it. There are no shortcuts to the goal you have set yourself but because it is clear in your mind you'll reach it eventually.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Make sure your mind is occupied today. It means you are less likely to dwell on doubts and fears that might hold you back. The game of life is easy. It's only people's silly insecurities that make it seem tough.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Someone will delight in telling you what you are doing wrong today and you won't be happy about it. Who are they to point out your failings? Well, they know what they are talking about.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Sometimes, you can be too trusting and the planets warn you should think twice before giving anyone the benefit of the doubt today. Do they have evidence to back up their claims?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Let other people run around after you for a change. You've done more than your share of errands in recent days, so put up your feet and take things easy today and over the weekend.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It will pay you to seek advice today, especially if you have to do something you have never done before. Confidence won't be enough, so be realistic and get help from the experts.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Not all is what it seems at the moment, so don't be too trusting and don't put all your eggs in one basket. One of the better times of the year is not far away, so there is no need to take any chances.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Stay calm and don't let anything get to you. Your emotions are close to the surface and that could spell trouble if you overreact to something that most other times you would not even notice.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You seem to have doubts about a project on which you were keen a little while ago. Maybe it's your sixth sense warning you that it's not a good idea. You should listen.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Others are entitled to their opinions, but you call the shots. The more they say you're on the wrong track, the more you'll enjoy proving them wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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